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## **Home Inspector - Frequently Asked Questions**

- When did Wisconsin begin regulating Home Inspectors?
  - 1997 Wisconsin Act 81 became effective on November 1, 1998. From that date forward any
    person conducting home inspections in Wisconsin must be registered by the Department of
    Safety and Professional Services.
- Do corporations, partnerships, firms and other business entities need to be registered?
  - No. Business entities may provide home inspection services and use the title "home inspector"
    if all of the Home Inspectors employed by the business are registered with DSPS.
- Are any individuals exempt from registration?
  - o Yes. Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 440.9715 lists exemptions.
- How does the law define a "home inspector," "home inspection" and "home inspection report"?
  - o You may view the Wis. Admin. Code § SPS 131.02 for definitions of these terms.